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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 13-116—sHB 6472**

*Energy and Technology Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED  
CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY:** This act adds (1) district heating and cooling and (2) solar thermal or geothermal system projects to the types of energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements that may be financed under the commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) program. By law, energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements are eligible for the program.

Under the act, a district heating and cooling system is a local system consisting of a pipeline or network providing hot water, chilled water, or steam from one or more sources to multiple buildings. The Legislative Office Building and the Capitol are served by such a system.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND**

*C-PACE Program*

The law requires the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority to establish a C-PACE program for qualifying commercial property (including multifamily buildings with five or more units). Under the program, owners of such property in participating municipalities may finance energy improvements by paying a special assessment on the participant's property tax bill. Municipalities can participate in the program under a written agreement approved by their legislative bodies.

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